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LANDLINE MOBILE SERVICE OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in which the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited's telephone/mobile service has covered every village;

(b) the details of the total number of telephone/mobile connections in comparison to the ratio of their population, State-wise;

(c) the names of the States which are lagging behind in telephone/mobile service facility extended by the BSNL and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Private Companies have access in most of the areas with regard to providing mobile service as compared to the BSNL;

(e) if so, the names of the Private Companies alongwith the States in which these have provided more service than the BSNL;

(f) the reasons for which the BSNL is lagging behind in that respect; and

(g) the action plan being implemented by the Government to bring at a par telephone and mobile facility in all the States of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) In respect of basic telephone service, all the accessible, undisputed and undisturbed villages inhabited with population more than 100 as per census, 1991 in the States of Andaman and Nicobar, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh (East), Uttar Pradesh (West) and West Bengal have been provided with Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

BSNL has already covered 589 out of 600 District Headquarters in the country and 9345 cities/towns in India besides Tehsil Headquarters, National Highways, Important Pilgrimage Centers, Tourist Places etc. with GSM Mobile Service. The coverage of the national highways will provide incidental limited coverage to a number of rural areas falling en-route.

The Circle-wise details of subscribers provided by BSNL is given in Annexure-A.

(d) to (g) As per licence agreement of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) and Unified Access Services Licence (UASL), in metros, 90% of the service area shall be covered within one year of the effective date. In Telecom Circles, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters (DHQs) will be covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of Licence. The Licensee shall also be permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns shall lie with the Licensee depending on their business decision. There is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas.

Private operators started their mobile services from September 1995 onwards, whereas the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) namely BSNL and MTNL started their mobile service from the year 2001 onwards.

The Circle-wise details of mobile connections provided by PSUs and private operators as on 30-09-2005 is given in Annexure-B.

BSNL presently has a mobile subscriber base of around 10 million and has plans to expand its network by additional 15 million lines during the current financial year.

ANNEXURE-A

S.No Name of Circles DELS (Fixed+WLL+CMTS) Population Teledensity

1.	Andman & Nicobar	55384	379246	14.60
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4028494	80612264	5.00
3.	Assam	743331	28356688	2.62
4.	Bihar	1379709	88224802	1.56
5.	Chhatisgarh	438892	22137377	1.98
6.	Gujarat	3492211	54263622	6.44
7	Haryana	1600958	22442924	7.13
8.	Himachal Pradesh	668856	6469254	10.34
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	636870	10719466	5.94
10.	Jharkhand	715454	28645191	2.50
11.	Karnataka	3610409	56135505	6.43
12.	Kerala	4483690	33956838	13.20
13.	Madhya Pradesh	1745754	64280194	2.72
14.	Maharashtra	5108459	86721138	5.89
15.	North East-I	277183	6800365	4.08
16.	North East-II	245709	5821119	4.22
17.	Orissa	1200078	39074660	3.07
18.	Punjab	2402865	26815077	8.96
19.	Rajasthan	2530197	60115860	4.21
20.	Tamilnadu	3903154	60314839	6.47
21.	Uttaranchal	597612	9026527	6.62
22.	Uttar Pradesh(East)	2911615	121788349	2.39
23.	Uttar Pradesh(West)	1767878	54975570	3.22
24.	West Bengal	1674546	71902043	2.33
25.	Kolkata	1668289	14069065	11.86
26.	Chennai	1294324	6839037	18.93
TOTAL		49181921	106088702	4.640

ANNEXURE – B

CIRCLE WISE SUBSCRIBERS BASE OF MOBILE COMPANIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT 2005

Circle	Operator	Subscribers Base	
		GSM	CDMA
Delhi	Bharti		1767759
	Hutch	1611665	
	MTNL	605610	
	Idea	728205	
	MTNL	103916	
	Reliance Infocomm	1301849	
	Tata Teleservices	371896	
		6490900	
Mumbai	BPL	1305958	
	Hutch	1625465	
	MTNL	677198	
	Bharti	901421	
	MTNL	50385	
	Reliance Infocomm	1070237	
	Tata Teleservices	190550	
		5821214	
Chennai	Aircel Cellular	626563	
	Bharti	521767	
	BSNL	379047	
	Hutchison	300430	
	BSNL	9056	
	Reliance Infocomm	449369	
	Tata Teleservices	64532	
		2350764	

Kolkata Bharti 507214
Hutchison East 728114
BSNL 325891
Reliable 4626
Internet
BSNL 20957
Reliance 572949
Infocomm
Tata 82921
Teleservices
2242672
MH BPL 639512
Idea 1437057
BSNL 1056053
Bharti 859745
BSNL 40375
Reliance 872686
Infocomm
Tata 184943
Teleservices
5090371
GUJ Fascel(Hutch) 1430909
Idea 760352
BSNL 813250
Bharti 591169
BSNL 6977
Reliance Infocomm 676896
Tata Teleservices 146753
4436306
AP Idea 777866
Bharti 1249917
BSNL 842677
Hutchison 562976
BSNL 45912
Reliance Infocomm 1065231
Tata Teleservices 238723
4783302
KTK Bharti 1556895
Spice 311832
BSNL 840599
Hutch 753318
BSNL 17653
Reliance Infocomm 758538
Tata Teleservices 167536
4406371
TN BPL 444644
Aircel 1463581
BSNL 917046
Bharti 603448
BSNL 10681
Reliance Infocomm 586415
Tata Teleservices 64984
4090799
Kerala Escotel(Idea) 690936
BPL 415344
BSNL 833060
Bharti 438169
BSNL 47878
Reliance Infocomm 531904
Tata Teleservices 44947
3002238
Punjab Spice 1178343
Bharti 1418593
BSNL 429403
Hutchison 353377
BSNL 13358
Reliance Infocomm 508513
HFCL Infocom 60292
Tata Teleservices 97393
4059272
Haryana Escotel(Idea) 244612
Aircel 264267
Diglink(Hutch)
BSNL 438549
Bharti 337891
BSNL 11901
Reliance 217627
Infocomm
Tata 64193
Teleservices
1579040
UP-W Escotel(Idea) 747965
Bharti 504120
BSNL 752021
Hutch South 320686

BSNL 16000
Reliance 453668
Infocomm
Tata 74846
Teleservices
2869306
UP-E Aircel 1049528
Diglink(Hutch)
BSNL 1183101
Bharti 409968
BSNL 19794
Reliance 677561
Infocomm
Tata 73187
Teleservices
3413139
Raj Aircel 448707
Diglink(Hutch)
Hexacom(Bharti) 704062
BSNL 629787
BSNL 71298
Reliance 497211
Infocomm
Shyam Telelink 28182
Tata 63873
Teleservices
2443120
MP Idea 558969
Reliance 429424
BSNL 368973
Bharti 311082
BSNL 134536
Reliance 509464
Infocomm
Tata 39487
Teleservices
2351935
WB&A&N Reliance 216778
BSNL 88599
Bharti 220363
Hutch South 259535
BSNL 1996
Reliance 179137
Infocomm
Tata 26683
Teleservices
1293091
HP Bharti 261328
Reliance 58730
BSNL 169378
BSNL 27
Reliance Infocomm 7910
Tata Teleservices 8872
506245
Bihar Reliance 479852
BSNL 511819
Bharti 414582
BSNL 7513
Reliance Infocomm 324007
Tata Teleservices 30738
1768511
Orissa Reliance 172190
BSNL 354222
Bharti 224256
BSNL 1087
Reliance Infocomm 153306
Tata Teleservices 18808
923869
Assam Reliance 172057
BSNL 195941
Bharti 69777
Dishnet Wireless 212
BSNL 9694
447681
NE Reliance 47048
Bharti 9717
BSNL 141734
Dishnet Wireless 220
BSNL 76
198795
J&K BSNL 313013
Bharti 184673
BSNL 945
498631
65067572